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LOK SABHA

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CYBER CRIME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and nature of cyber crimes registered during each of the last three years, State-wise, cyber-crime-wise;

(b) the action taken by the Government against the accused persons;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact a comprehensive law to deal with cyber crime and cyber criminals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a)&(b) : The State/UT wise cases relating to cyber crimes registered under the Information Technology Act, 2000 (IT Act) and various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) during 2003 to 2005, as compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), are enclosed at Annexure I. The number of persons arrested under IT Act and IPC for cyber crimes is at Annexure II. The offences under IT Act related to tampering computer source documents, hacking, obscene publication/transmission in electronic form, non-compliance of orders of certifying authority, failure to assist Government agencies in decrypting or intercepting information, unauthorised access or attempts to access protected computer system, publishing false digital signature certificate and breach of confidentiality/privacy. The offences under IPC related to forgery, criminal breach of trust, fraud and counterfeiting/tampering.

(c)&(d) : Cyber crimes can be dealt with under the provisions of the IT Act and IPC.The Government has introduced Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament, which inter alia provides for dealing with new forms of crimes like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form, video voyeurism, breach of confidentiality and leakage of data by service providers, e-commerce fraud through impersonation commonly known as phishing, identity theft and offensive message through communication service.